

From: Assistant Chief IFCO

To: Kent and Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority –
17 September 2024

Subject: Procurement of new cabin RIB

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Summary: This paper updates members on the progress to procure a new cabin RIB

Recommendations:

The Authority is asked to **NOTE** the report

Following the last Authority meeting, Officers continued to work to put into place the key components of the vessel build, this included working with our Solicitor and finalising the contract with Ribcraft, as well as liaising with Defra and Kent County Council to confirm the grant being paid for the vessel. On 3 September 2024, the full funding of £300,000 was received for the vessel from Central Government.

Discussions have taken place between Officers and Ribcraft to finalise the specification of the vessel, taking into account the optional items presented in their tender and also some technical improvements which have become available since the tender was submitted in late 2023.

At the time of writing, the contract is being signed by KEIFCA and Ribcraft and payment of the agreed deposit is taking place.

The vessel is anticipated to start build in late September, with a scheduled delivery date of approximately April 2025.

This is a current, moving workstream and a verbal update will also be provided at the meeting.

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